

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

12 February 1964


MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Soviet General Purpose Forces

1. Attached is a communication from the Secretary of Defense expressing his gratification in the substantial progress made toward improving our estimates on the subject, with particular reference to the work of the CIA-DIA Panel for special study of the Soviet Ground Forces and of others who contributed to NIE 11-14-63. He requests that his thanks be passed to those responsible for this work, and I would appreciate your doing so to those within your respective agencies.

2. We should note that the Secretary refers also to the serious limitations that still exist in our knowledge of the subject, and that he is interested in seeing the results of the further studies programmed by the Panel. Needless to say, we should make every effort to overcome these limitations and in particular give all support to the work of the CIA-DIA Panel.

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